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SUBJECT: SURVEY OF NIGERIAS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

REF: STATE 92303 AND PREVIOUS

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE CONTAINED PARAS 1-3 LAGOS 4014. ASIDE FROM FORMAT CHANGES, CABLE INCLUDED ENTIRE TEXT EKANEMS INVITATION, WHICH HE SAYS WAS FOR MOST PART SENT TO U.S. ADDRESSES OF FIRMS ON HIS LIST. IF YOU CAN PROVIDE COMPOSITE LIST OF QUESTIONS BOTHERING YOUR SOURCES, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ANSWERS FROM TRANSPORT PLANNING UNIT BUT DOUBT WE WILL LEARN MUCH. EKANEM FEELS HIS INVITATION CONTAINS ENOUGH INFORMATION PERMIT FIRMS ESTIMATE COST AND TIME NEEDED FOR SURVEY. HE RELUCTANT ENTERTAIN FURTHER QUESTIONS.

2. DUE DATE NOW JUNE 1. IT EXTENDED DUE DELAY IN ONE-MONTH U.S. VISIT EKANEM HAS BEEN PLANNING. HE NOW LEAVES LAGOS APRIL 26 AND RETURNS LATE MAY. VISITS NOW YORK, WASHINGTON, ST. LOUIS, COLUMBUS, OHIO AND COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA AMONG OTHER PLACES. PERSONS INTERESTED IN SEEING HIM IN WASHINGTON MIGHT TRY CONTACTING HIM THROUGH THE ECONOMIC SECTION, NIGERIAN EMBASSY.

3. FYI EKANEM VISITING COLUMBIA, S.C. AS PART OF TOUR ORGANIZED BY WILBUR SMITH ASSOCIATES WITH MINISTRY OF WORKS. CONTACT IS JOHN G. SCHOON, PROJECT MANAGER FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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LAGOS METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY DONE BY

SMITH WITH SVERDRUP AND PARCEL AND TWO NIGERIAN PARTNERS.
WHILE AT EMBASSY SCHOON DECLINED DISCUSS CONTENTS LAGOS
STUDY IN ANY DETAIL IN OBSERVANCE MINISTRY'S DESIRE FOR
SECRECACY. END FYI.
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